



## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways District 9

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### **New US 68 at Maysville opens to traffic Friday morning** *\$21.5 million project nears completion*

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Four miles of new pavement will open to traffic this week as work nears completion on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's \$21.5 million relocation of US 68 at Maysville.

Contractors plan to remove barricades early morning Friday, Dec. 21, from both ends of the new road project, allowing traffic to flow from the Clyde T. Barbour Parkway (US 68/US 62) across a new AA Highway interchange near Downing Drive then connect with existing US 68 just south of Old Washington.

"The opening of the newly constructed US 68 in Maysville is another step in our continuing effort to provide better roadways and create greater access for Kentucky travelers," Governor Steve Beshear said. "Projects such as these represent an investment to keep our state and our economy moving forward."

Construction on the project, which has been in the works for more than a decade, began in September 2010 when the Transportation Cabinet awarded a contract to Eaton Asphalt Paving Co. to build the new limited-access highway.

The new US 68 is expected to increase highway system capacity and safety in the Maysville area by rerouting traffic away from already-congested routes and intersections.

"This road is part of our commitment to improve Kentucky's transportation network, both now and in the future, and I'm happy to see it open," said State Sen. Robin Webb, of Grayson.

"I appreciate the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the contractors getting this done before the holidays, and look forward to this project assisting our area with traffic flow," said State Rep. Mike Denham, of Maysville.

During the last two years, work has included not only building the new roadway cross-country but also overpasses where it crosses US 62, Clark's Run and the AA Highway.

The overpass at the AA Highway includes an interchange, featuring on- and off-ramps for enhanced traffic access.

Before construction, motorists using US 68 shared the same route and congested intersections as US 62 and the AA Highway through Maysville. Now, through traffic can continue directly along the US 68 corridor unimpeded while business traffic can easily access its former path into downtown Maysville.

Motorists should travel with caution as construction continues in the project area. Final completion is slated for this spring. Until then, work zones travel restrictions are possible. Traffic should heed all warning signs.

Motorists are advised to note all directional signs while becoming familiar with the new roadway, and should continue to travel with caution as work zone restrictions remain possible over the next several months.

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